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Dear Mr. Wassdorf:

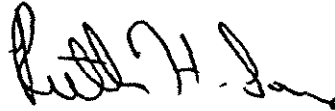
You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 34856.

The Office of the Governor received a request for information about organizations which received certain grant funding. You indicate the requestor was provided the names and addresses of organizations receiving grant funding, the amounts received, and the criteria used to rank each organization for funding purposes. However, the requestor also asked for documents showing the actual scores given each organization. The responsive documents, which were submitted to this office for review, include scoring sheets and a list showing each organization as ranked by score. You contend this information is excepted from disclosure pursuant to section 552.111.

Section 552.111 excepts from disclosure interagency or intra-agency communications "consisting of advice, recommendations, opinions, and other material reflecting the deliberative or policymaking processes of the governmental body." Open Records Decision No. 615 (1993) at 5. We have marked the portions of the scoring sheets that may be withheld from disclosure pursuant to section 552.111. The list is arranged in such a manner that the arrangement itself shows the rank given each organization. We note that all of the responsive information on the list, other than ranking information, has already been released to the requestor. The ranking reflects the deliberative or policymaking process of the governmental body, and since release of the list would provide information about the scores and rank given each organization, the list may be withheld from disclosure.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination under section 552.301 regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth H. Soucy".

Ruth H. Soucy
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Enclosures: Marked documents

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